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1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim ~~1~~ 4 wherein said nucleic acid is deoxyribonucleic acid.
3. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 2 wherein said deoxyribonucleic acid is cDNA.
4. (Currently Amended) An ~~The~~ isolated and purified nucleic acid molecule ~~of claim 1~~ as set forth in SEQ ID NO:1.
5. (Currently Amended) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim ~~1~~ 4 wherein said nucleic acid molecule encodes the ~~an~~ amino acid sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO:3.
6. (Currently Amended) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim ~~1~~ 4 wherein said nucleic acid is ribonucleic acid.
7. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 6 wherein said ribonucleic acid is mRNA.
- 8.-9. Canceled
10. (Currently amended) An expression vector comprising the ~~oligonucleotide~~ nucleic acid molecule of claim 4 ~~8~~.
11. (Original) The expression vector of claim 10 wherein the expression vector is selected from the group consisting of a plasmid and a virus.

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